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Pearl Street Library Celebrates 100th Anniversary

In 1910, Andrew Carnegie gave the Town of Enfield \$20,000 to build a library. Construction was completed in February of 1914 and the Pearl Street Library opened its doors to the public on May 5, 1914. At a time when not only computers and e-Readers, but also television and even radio, did not exist, the Pearl Street Library quickly became the center of community living in Enfield. Over the course of its 100 years, the Pearl Street Branch Library has served the Town of Enfield as a source for educational, cultural. technological and recreational

The Centennial Celebration Committee has planned numerous events for the exciting year ahead, among them: a visit from Kandie Karle-the Edwardian Lady-at the Senior

needs, while providing a safe

and friendly cornerstone in an

ever-changing community.

Center, a town wide scavenger hunt with an "One Hundred Year" theme, a birthday party celebration at the Pearl Street Library in May, a marble

tournament, an outdoor movie on the lawn at the Enfield Public Library, "meet Andrew

Carnegie"-with Richard Clark, special displays, and much more! All events are free and open to the public. Be on the lookout for event listings via e-mail, press, library signage, and our library web page.

Monthly book discussions entitled, "Book Discussions through the Decades," will begin on February 3, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Pearl Street Library and will continue the first Monday of every month thereafter (except September, held the second Monday). Facilitated by special guest speakers, the discussions will feature popular bestsellers from each decade, with the exception of the month of May

when the biography of Andrew Carnegie, the man who helped build thousands of public

libraries, will be highlighted by Enfield Historian, Frank (Doc) Taylor. Copies of each book featured in the monthly

discussion will be available at either library location one month in advance of each discussion and a list of titles can be found here:

http://www.enfield-ct.gov/filestorage/91/109 Centennial Book Discussions.pdf

To register for upcoming programs and events, please visit the Circulation Desk at either library, or call 860-253-6433 (Pearl Street Branch Library) or 860-763-7512 (Enfield Public Library). As well, please visit the library website:

www.enfieldpubliclibrary.org

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Pearl Street Library 159 Pearl Street



Take Your Child to the Library Every Day

In 2011, a day was dedicated among Connecticut librarians to promote library use for children and families. A noble cause, one that was surely designed to encourage reading throughout the year, but we scratched our heads and asked ourselves, why would we promote just one day of the year to take your child to the library? We decided to promote Take Your Child to the

Library Day as the beginning of something that parents will continue weekly.

Our friendly staff will show you all that the Library has to offer on February 1, 2014. After that, you decide which day works best for your family, and that will be your *Take Your Child to the Library*

Day - all year long! It will become a ritual that your children will remember for years to come!

Here are some special events that will be going on at the Enfield Public Library on

Take Your Child to the Library (Every) Day - February 1, 2014:

-10:00 AM - Music with Amy Rogell, Ages birth-5. (Drop-in event)
-From 9:00 AM-10:00 AM and 1:00 PM-2:00 PM "Photo Booth"
-9:00 AM-1:00 PM Design your own bookmark

-10:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:00 PM Book Raffles each hour -2:00 PM – a movie matinee, *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* 2

For more information on Library programs, please visit or call the Circulation Desk at 860-763-7512, or visit our website:

www.enfieldpubliclibrary.org.

Enfield Child Development Center Winter Happenings



February is here, and the 4 year old preschool class is anticipating their annual Special Person Day! Guests are invited into our classroom for Valentine's Day themed activities. We make beaded jewelry, play with play dough and make a special framed gift for our

special person to take home as a memory of the day. We then wrap up the visit with a special story and song. The children love spending center time with their special guest and sharing our classroom with them! Becky Jones 4's Teacher Enfield Child Development Center (860)763-7572



Connecticut Invention Convention Program

Elementary School aged children at the Town of Enfield Child Development Center are participating in the Connecticut Invention Convention this year. This is a statewide

program that allows children to create an invention that solves everyday problems. The invention process takes concepts from math, science and technology and applies them to a hands on experience. These inventions will be displayed in Enfield and the top 10% will be chosen to compete in the state competition on May 3!

ECDC Talent Show Has Been Scheduled!

Karen Edelson Director of the Enfield Child Development Center (860) 763-7003 Our date for the Talent Show has been set and it will be

set and it will be held at Fermi High School on Friday, May 16th. This has become one of our most entertaining and largest fundraisers. We anticipate another great night of fun this



year as well! If you know of a local

business that would like to sponsor our event, contact ECDC Director Karen Edelson for more information at:

kedelson@enfield.org

New Program for Residents

The Town of Enfield and the Town Council is proud to partner with the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) to offer an exciting program that helps you maintain a healthy lifestyle, and saves you money in the process. Town of Enfield Prescription Discount Card is a FREE program that offers discount savings on the purchase of prescription drugs. There are no fees for using the card and it costs the Town of Enfield taxpayers nothing. The savings are based on discounts provided by local pharmacies. When filling a prescription this spring, present the Town of Enfield Prescription Discount Card and your savings will begin immediately. Check www.enfield-ct.org for rollout date.

Card Facts

- For use by uninsured residents and anyone whose current plan does not cover a particular medication.
- No cost to Town of Enfield residents or taxpayers.
- No sign up or registration required.
- All prescription medications are covered, even some human-based pet medications.
- This card can be used at any
- participating pharmacy, including
 Walgreens, Rite Aid, Stop & Shop, Big Y,
 and Wal-Mart but not in conjunction
 with any type of insurance.
- One card covers an entire family.

Town of Enfield Employees Recognized for Years of Service



The Department of Public Works In Action

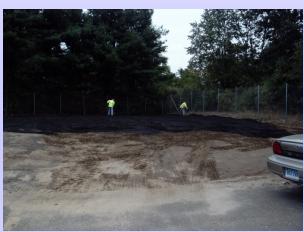
The last project to be completed before winter hit was the repaving of the Enfield Police

Department Parking Lot.





Equipment Operators Tim Riach, Bobby Cyr, and Mark Pliszka



Recycling Division





This recycling truck has had its claw replaced, making it more efficient.



Department of Public Works-Engineering Office

ROADS 2010 Update

Outlook for 2014

What to look for this Construction Season

Through the continual efforts and support of our citizens, the Town Manager, Town Council, and the Department of Public Works, the Town of Enfield will embark on its 15th

approaches has been carefully selected to provide the right treatment on the right road at the right time. By doing so, it will extend the lives of the roads that are

Pavement Management Definition:

The effective and efficient directing of the various activities involved in providing and sustaining pavements in a condition acceptable to the traveling public at the least life cycle cost (AASHTO, 1985)

consecutive year of a \$60 million commitment of preserving its largest asset, our roads.

This year's pavement management program sets an ambitious schedule preserve and/or reconstruct nearly 30 miles of streets throughout the Town. It will employ variety techniques including crack sealing, mill and overlay, overlay and/or complete road reconstruction (see definitions on the right). Each one of the pavement management in good to fair condition, while providing the Town's residents with a proper strategy for getting the biggest bang for the buck.

For more information and up-to-date construction status, visit:

http://www.enfield-ct.gov

Look for the ROADS 2015 referendum this November to continue to preserve Enfield's largest asset, our roads!

Definitions

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Crack Seal – A process where street cracks are filled with liquid polymers to prevent water infiltration preventing future potholes.



Milling - Removal of 1"-2" of pavement to restore its surface to a specified grade which provides a base for an asphalt overlay.



Overlay – Applying 1"-2" of pavement to an existing roadway.



The Department of Development Services



Get LinkedIn with
us! Join our
"Enfield
Economic
Development"
group to stay
up-to-date on all
Enfield business
happenings.

Think

The new
Development
Services website at

www.thinkenfield.com

was designed with a prospective business and/or site selector in mind. Sign up for our quarterly E-News on the front page of the site.

Courtney's Corner

Have you met our
Development Services
team?

Community Development:

Peter Bryanton and his team work tirelessly on the revitalization efforts in Thompsonville and neighborhoods in Enfield securing and managing grants, creating partnerships and



Assistant Town Manager of Development Services Courtney Hendricson

generally making life better around town.

Chief Building Official:

Jim Taylor and his team permitted approximately \$100 million of construction projects in the last year.

Planning:

Rachel Blatt & Ginny Higley are our two assistant town planners. Ginny is also our Inlands/Wetlands agent.

Zoning & Code Enforcement:

We are currently recruiting for a supervisor and in the interim, *Rich Metcalf* is acting in this capacity. He leads a stellar team of staff that go out to handle blight,

enforce and to enforce our zoning code.

I want to thank ALL these team members and I encourage you to introduce yourself to them and get

Advancing Progress, Achieving Success, Together Current Projects:

 We are helping to lead the way in the Hartford-Springfield Rail Corridor through advocacy work for transit, funding and getting out in front of the demographic and social changes that rail transit and a Springfield casino might bring.

Enfield Connecticut

- We are recapturing our greatest natural asset, the CT riverfront.
- We are adding value in Thompsonville and other neighborhoods by celebrating their unique character and boosting their economic potential (through bizfriendly zoning regulation changes, for example).

We plan to do all this by forging and maintaining the partnerships we have with you – our business community, the commercial real estate community, our elected officials and our staff.



The Town of Enfield's

Housing Rehabilitation Program

This program provides financial and technical assistance in the form of low interest and deferred payment loans to low and moderate income households to make necessary repairs.

This includes electrical work, the replacement of heating systems, roof replacement, window replacement, siding, structural repairs and plumbing work. The program also addresses lead hazard reduction, asbestos abatement and the removal of underground storage tanks.

The income limits vary by

household size. In order to qualify a household of two, for instance, you would need to have an annualized household income that does



not exceed \$51,550. For an application or for more information, please contact:

> Deborah Mylek Office of Community Development (860) 253-6390.



Answers to Common Questions About Building Codes

You're planning an addition to your house. Will you need a building permit? You want to build a deck. Are there building codes that apply to this project? How much does a building permit cost and where do the fees go? Building departments across the country respond to these typical questions every day.

"Building codes are state laws or municipal ordinances adopted to set minimum safety standards for the construction of residential and commercial buildings," said Enfield Chief Building Official James D. Taylor. Building codes regulate structural and fire safety, electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems, and even energy conservation."

Building codes provide

public safeguards.

Although no code can eliminate all risks, codes reduce risk to an acceptable level. Most national model codes are updated every three years to ensure they are current and include new technologies that are proven to be safe.

A system of fees, such as those for building permits, defrays the cost of administrating and enforcing the building code. Generally, building permit fees are less than one percent of the overall cost of the building project.

Proper design and construction practices along with an inspection program make buildings safe. Home and business owners make a large financial investment when building or adding to

a structure. Those involved with a building construction project including builders, contractors, carpenters, electricians, plumbers, architects, engineers, manufacturers, distributors of building materials and even do-it-yourselfers must abide by the building codes.

You can also save money in the long run through energy conservation which is addressed in building codes.

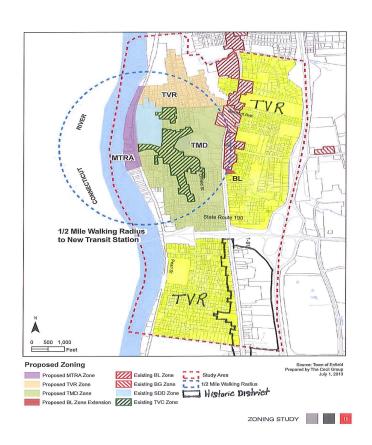
Meeting code standards also protects your investment for the future. "You can't afford to risk your safety and investment with anything less than complete code enforcement and compliance," Taylor said. "We inspect buildings at various stages

construction. This is the best way to verify code compliance."

Before beginning any building project, contact your local building inspection department for information. Most building departments can give you pamphlets that explain in detail how to obtain

permits as well as offer advice on the construction of safe buildings that meet the requirements of codes and ordinances in that jurisdiction.

> Chief Building Official James D. Taylor (860) 253-6370 jtaylor@enfield.org



Coming Soon! New Thompsonville Zoning

Look for legal notices in the Journal Inquirer and posted Planning and Zoning Commission agendas on the Town website, in the Planning Department, and on the bulletin board outside of the Town Clerk's Office. All Enfield residents and business owners are encouraged to attend and participate.

Thompsonville Zoning is Changing this Season:

Each of the zoning changes will be reviewed as a public hearing in the coming months, and all Enfield residents and business owners are encouraged to attend and participate.

Dates of the public hearings are to be determined. Look for legal notices in the Journal Inquirer and posted Planning and Zoning Commission agendas on the Town website, in the Planning Department, and on the bulletin board outside of the Town Clerk's Office.

Three proposed zoning districts: 1. Thompsonville Village Residential District (TVR)

The purpose of the Thompsonville Village Residential District is to preserve the existing density and encourage rehabilitation and homeownership in the residential neighborhoods of Thompsonville. The TVR district covers areas that

are currently in the R-33 District (suburban residential zoning), and will align the requirements with existing lot and building types.

2. Thompsonville Mixed Use District (TMD)

The purpose of the Thompsonville Mixed Use District is to allow a mix of commercial and residential uses as a naturally-developing and market-responsive village center, accomplishing the objectives set forth in the Thompsonville Revitalization Strategy and the Enfield Plan of Conservation and Development. The TMD will replace and expand upon the Thompsonville Village Center District (TVC).

3. Multi-modal Transit and River Access District (MTRA)

The purpose of the Multi-modal Transit and River Access District is to develop public bus and transit facilities as well as access to multi-modal transportation and riverfront recreation, while considering environmental values and restrictions created by the riverfront environment. The requirements for this district aim to ensure public access to community amenities and allow for transit-oriented development.

All: Thompsonville Village Design Overlay District

All three districts will be adopted within a Village Design Overlay District in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-2j. This will expand the design review process already in place for the Thompsonville Village Center District and the Enfield Street Design Overlay District to the rest of Thompsonville. The proposed requirements for these three districts have been developed as part of the 2013 Future of Thompsonville Study. For PDF of the full study, visit: http://l.usa.gov/1f2FTZ6

Rachel Blatt & Ginny Higley Assistant Town Planners (860) 253-6355 PlanningZoning Service @enfield.org



The Enfield High School Building Committee

The Committee consists of 11 members and 2 alternates.

There are several other key partners involved in the project, including an Education and Construction Consultant working for the Town of Enfield. The architecture firm, and our Construction Manager-at-Risk were selected by the committee using a thorough review and interview process.

The Town Council and Board of Education have each assigned members to be liaisons between the Building Committee and their respective boards. These representatives share information between the groups and facilitate resolution when needed.

Future Features of the Completed High School

The new high school will have 113 classrooms and will accommodate 1,600 students. The anticipated population at the time the school is scheduled to open is approximately 1,400 students.

- The STEAM There will be several new additions to the building with the largest being the Enrico Fermi STEAM Wing. This will house the Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math programs, stretching 4 stories high and approximately 105,000 square feet. It will include combined classrooms and laboratories for certain science classes and student and teacher collaborative workspaces.
- Our new cafeteria will be approximately 8,700 square feet and will seat 720 people. It will feature state-of-the art kitchen facilities that will prepare food for the entire school system.
- The new music wing will be 13,500 square feet and will feature an expanded auditorium with seating for 975 people.
- The gymnasium will be part of a two story addition and will seat 1,600 people in the bleachers. Cardio, Wellness, and Health rooms will also be part of this addition.

The current plan allows for the combining of the high schools to occur at the beginning of the 2016 - 2017 school year. Construction of the Music Addition and completion of the auditorium will still be in progress.

For more information on the Enfield High School Building Construction visit the

Enfield High School Consolidation and Renovation Facebook Page

FRC Sponsored Family Support Programs

ARE YOU A SINGLE PARENT?

Enfield Family Resource Center's **Single Parent Support Group** is a safe place to share ideas, get resources and make new friends.

Enfield Child Development Center

110 High Street, Enfield

We will meet on the following Mondays from 6:00-7:30 pm

February 24

March 24

April 28

May 19

June 16

Childcare is available

<u>Please contact the Family Resource Center a</u> (860) 253-5144 or amorales@enfield.org to register





GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

Enfield Street School

1318 Enfield Street, Enfield

We will meet on the following Mondays from 6:00 -7:30 pm

March 10

April 7

May 5

June 2

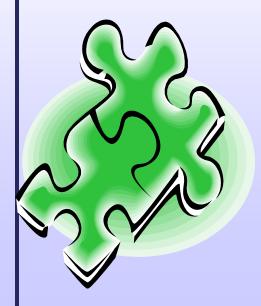
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Information will be provided on available resources and programs to assist you. All information is kept confidential.

FRC Sponsored Family Support Programs!





ENFIELD AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

Sponsored by ShopRite of Enfield

Enfield Street School Library 1318 Enfield Street, Enfield

We will meet on the following Mondays from 6:15-7:30 pm

February 10, 2014 March 17, 2014 April 21, 2014 May 12, 2014 June 9, 2014

Childcare is available

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LEARNING THROUGH PLAYGROUPS FOR ENFIELD FAMILIES

For children ages birth to five.

There is no charge to attend.

Alcorn School

1010 Enfield Street

Wednesday: 1:00-2:00pm

Enfield Street School
1318 Enfield Street

Tuesday or Thursday: 9:15-10:15am

Hazardville Memorial School 68 North Maple Street

Tuesday or Thursday: 9:15-10:15am or 10:30-11:30am

<u>Please contact the Family Resource Center at</u> (860) 253-5144 or <u>amorales@enfield.org</u> to register



Tips for Conserving Water & Saving Money

Bathrooms:

- Never use your toilet as a waste basket.
- Do not let the water run while shaving or brushing teeth.
- Bathe small children together.
- •Never pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it such as watering a plant or garden.



Kitchen and Laundry:

- Keep drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting the faucet run until the water is cool.
- Wash fruits and vegetables in a basin. Use a vegetable brush.
- Use a dishpan for washing and rinsing dishes.
- Operate the dishwasher only when completely full.
- Use the appropriate water level or load size selection on the washing machine.
- Repair all leaks. A leaky toilet can waste 200 gallons per day.
- Consider purchasing a high efficiency washing machine which can save over 50% in water and energy use.

Watering Your Lawn:

- Detect and repair all leaks in irrigation systems.
- Use properly treated wastewater for irrigation where available.
- Water the lawn or garden during the coolest part of the day (early morning is best). Do not water on windy days.
- Water trees and shrubs that have deep root systems longer and less frequently than shallow-rooted plants, which require smaller amounts of water more often.
- Set sprinklers to only water the lawn or garden - not the driveway or sidewalk!
 Use mulch around shrubs and garden plants to reduce evaporation from the soil surface and weed growth.
- Remove thatch and aerate turf to encourage movement of water to the root zone.
- Raise your lawn mower cutting height longer grass blades help shade each other cut down on evaporation, and inhibit weed growth.

Outside:

- Sweep driveways, sidewalks and steps rather than hosing off.
- Wash the car with water from a bucket, or consider using a commercial car wash that recycles water.
- When using a hose, control the flow with an automatic shut-off nozzle.
- Avoid purchasing recreational water toys that require a constant stream of water.
- If you have a swimming pool, consider a new water-saving pool filter.
- Lower pool water level to reduce amount of water splashed out
- Use a pool cover to reduce evaporation when pool is not being used.



Important Town of Enfield Phone Numbers

Police Department, 293 Elm St	reet		
Director of Public Safety	Chris Bromson	763-8913	
Chief of Police	Carl Sferrazza	763-8913	
Emergency Management	Steven Hall70	63-8940	
Non Emergencies		763-6400	
EMS, 1296 Enfield Street			
Director	Gary Wiemokly	253-5241	
Recreation, Angelo Lamagna Center, 19 North Main Street			
Supervisor	Mary Keller	253-6420	
Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street	•••••	.253-6300	
Assessor's Office	Della Froment	253-6339	
Assistant Town Manager		.253-6351	
	Courtney Hendricson	253-6385	
Building Inspector	James Taylor	253-6370	
Engineering	John Cabibbo	253-6363	
Finance	A. Lynn Nenni	253-6330	
Human Resources	Steven Bielenda	253-6345	
Technology	Paul Russell	253-6454	
Planning	Rachel Blatt	253-6356	
Purchasing	Cathy Cherpak	253-6329	
Tax Office	Alissa Hanvey	253-6340	
Town Attorney	Kevin Deneen	253-6405	
Town Clerk	Suzanne Olechnicki	253-6440	
Town Manager	Matthew Coppler	253-6350	
Treasurer	John Wilcox	253-6326	

Enfield Public Library, 104 Middle Road			
Director	Henry Dutcher763-7510		
Pearl Street Library, 159 Pearl Street			
Main Desk	253-6433		
Social Services, 100 High Stree	t		
Director	Pamela Brown 253-6395		
Adult Day Care	Paula Vaicekauskas 763-7538		
Child Day Care	Karen Edelson 763-7003		
Community Development	Peter Bryanton 253-6390		
Congregate Living	Marianne Robinson 763-7519		
Dial-A-Ride	Annette Orlandi 272-3545		
Emergency Fuel	Joel Cox 253-6397		
Family Resource Center	. Amy Morales253-4721		
Housing/Code Enforcement	Rich Metcalf 253-6386		
Neighborhood Services	Joel Cox 253-6396		
Senior Citizens Center	Susan Lather 763-7425		
Youth Center	Christie Amsden 253-5004		
Youth Services	Jean Haughey 253-6380		
Public Works, 40 Moody Road	1763-7520		
Director	Jonathan Bilmes 763-7599		
Highway	David Tuttle		
Refuse Collection	David Tuttle 763-7524		
Snow Removal/Leaf Collection	763-7527		
Water Pollution Control	Kevin Shlatz 253-6450		

Police, Fire, Emergency Please Call 911

2013-2015

Enfield

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